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EDIT ALL HIGHLIGHTED PORTIONS and whatever else necessary in order to be truthful.

CLICK [HERE](https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-4138-ARE.pdf) TO DOWNLOAD THE OFFICIAL PERSONAL STATEMENT FORM 21-4138

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/medically-unexplained-illness.asp>

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Dear Sir/Madam,

During my service in the Gulf War, I was routinely exposed to the toxic environments created by burn pits. Prior to this deployment, I had never exhibited or been diagnosed with [condition]. It was only after my return, following the exposure, that I began to grapple with it.

It has recently been brought to my attention that there exists a category of conditions under Medically Unexplained Chronic Multisymptom Illness (MUCMI). I am reaching out to request the VA's assistance in recognizing the possible connection between my post-deployment health issues and the environmental hazards I was exposed to during my Gulf War service. I stand ready to provide further information or undergo additional medical evaluations to support my claim.

[INSERT PERSONAL STATEMENT TEMPLATE FOR CONDITION HERE IN A MANNER THAT FLOWS]